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TOHAK 136

FEBRUARY 13, 1973

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

DELIVER TO COLONEL KENNEDY IN SEALED ENVELOPE

1. THE PRESIDENT CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING AND DISCUSSED AGAIN HOW PLEASED HE WAS WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FIRST POW'S TO BE RELEASED, AND TO TELL ME THAT HE HAD PLACED CALLS TO THE WIV OF THE THREE SENIOR POW'S. I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME BAD ACTORS AMONG THE POW'S. HE AGREED, BUT FELT THAT UNLESS SOMETHING VERY SERIOUS DEVELOPED, WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO HANDLE ANY PROBLEMS QUIETLY. HE ASKED THAT ANY DECISION ON POW MATTERS BE REFERRED TO HIM. TOP S

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*Give more info
on Kissinger*

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2. I INFORMED HIM OF THE SCHEDULE OF YOUR LAST DAY'S MEETING **TOP S**
IN HANOI (HAK TO 46). HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING
THE FINAL RESULTS OF YOUR ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS, ESPECIALLY AS THEY
RELATED TO THE CONCERNS HE EXPRESSED TO YOU YESTERDAY ABOUT CAMB-
ODIA AND LAOS (TO HAK 109).

3. IN THE COURSE OF A MEETING WITH JOHN SCALI PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE FOR THE UN, THE PRESIDENT, IN DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE
EAST, MENTIONED WE WOULD BE HAVING DISCUSSIONS ON TWO LEVELS --
OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS.
HE TOLD SCALI THAT HE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE WOULD BE PRIVATE
DISCUSSIONS BUT THAT HE SHOULD CONCERN HIMSELF ONLY WITH THE
PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS. NO MORE WAS SAID. SCALI DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER
WITH ME AFTER THE MEETING AND I DO NOT INTEND TO DISCUSS IT WITH
HIM AT ALL.

WARM REGARDS.

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